

CHAPTER 517.

AN ACT to add additional sections to Article 21 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Talbot County," sub-title "Justices of the Peace and Constables," to be designated as Sections 117A, 117 B, 117 C, 117 D, 117 E, 117 F, 117 G, 117 H and 117 I.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That additional sections be added to Article 21 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Talbot County," sub-title "Justices of the Peace and Constables," to be designated as 117A, 117 B, 117 C, 117D, 117 E, 117 F, 117 G, 117 H and 117I, and to read as follows:

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117A. That it shall be the duty of the Governor after the appointment of the justices of the peace provided by Section one hundred and seventeen of said Local Law to select from the justices so appointed, one from the Easton District, who shall be known and designated as "Police Justice;" the said police justice shall have the same jurisdiction in criminal cases as justices of the peace of Talbot County now possess, and which may hereafter be conferred upon them by and under the laws of the State, but shall have no civil jurisdiction. The said police justice so selected shall be required to try and determine all violations of the criminal laws which may arise in said Easton District within the jurisdiction now possessed by justices of the peace, subject, however, to the same right of election to be tried by jury; notice of which must be clearly given by said justice to the party before beginning trial, and subject to the same right of appeal as now exists under the law; provided, however, that nothing contained in this Act shall preclude the said police justice from trying criminal cases which arise in any other district of said county, if the same shall be properly brought before him.

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117 B. That the said police justice shall receive compensation for his services, the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars per year, or the proportionate part thereof, so long as he shall continue to act as such police justice in said district; said salary to be paid by the County Commissioners of Talbot County in equal quarterly installments, and shall be paid full compensation for services required of him under this Act; and no justice of the peace so selected for police justice shall be permitted to charge any fee or receive a gratuity for making any commitment, granting any lease, or for the performance of any duty required by law in criminal cases.

Compensation